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| 3.5.2013 | 2 Chronicles 16-20 | <p>From whom we search for help</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is God's grace to allow trouble in our life to help us turn to Him for help. How often do we look for worldly ways when facing difficulties as Asa paid king of Aram for fighting with enemies? May we learn from Jehoshaphat and find victory only in the name of our Lord. - Jehoshaphat's prayer is very good: Recognize who God is, God in the heaven who controls everything; Pray according to God's promise, all the heritage to those who are His children; Remember what God has done in our life; Give the situation to Him, how enemy has attacked us and dishonored Him; Be humble before Him and cry for His help. - Teaching the word of God will help people automatically come to God together in the time of trouble as people of Judah came together to seek help from the Lord. |
| 10.5.2013 | 2 Chronicles 21-25 | <p>Be careful of whom we ally with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Just as Ahaziah's alliance with Israel leads to the ship destruction, our alliance with the world will also eventually lead us to failure of faith. This world is always about fear, fear of not having, fear of losing. - Do not underestimate the influence of this world for clearly "Jehoram walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, for he married a daughter of Ahab." We are called to be separated from the world, not to go back. - Breaking up the alliance will cost, just as how Amaziah had to give up the money he already paid for Israel army. - Physical situation is a reflection of spiritual situation. <p>Stepping up by faith</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We should follow the good examples of people who step up by faith and risk their lives to do God's business, such as Jehoiada, his wife and his son. - Prophet's warning to Jorem also applies to us: We sometimes don't follow the way of truth, but follow the principle of this world, our own thinking, logic, culture, etc. We also sometimes prostitute ourselves when we are half heartily following God and half heartily following the world. We don't spend time loving brothers in the church, which is in a way hating them (love less), even killing them spiritually when we are supposed to help each other grow in faith, which leads to salvation. <p>What matters is to establish the temple in our heart</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joash did well when Jehoiada was alive, but immediately abandoned the temple after Jehoiada died. Led faith is good, but we have to build up own relationship with God, and continue the faith. - Nothing has value to us if we are not wholeheartedly committed to God. All the serving in the church is just to help us seek God. - Leader's teaching becomes a burden to us when our heart is not to repent and seek God more. Our heart needs to be changed. <p>Know who we are and leave those who reject our message</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can we be as bold as the prophet who confronted Amaziah and said "I know that God has determined to destroy you, because you have done this and have not listened to my counsel"? Stop chasing after the same person who has clearly rejected the gospel. - On the other hand, we should be careful of pride and always humble to receive message and correction from leader. |

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| 17.5.2013 | 2 Chronicles 26-30 | <p>It is our choice to repent or not</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We see different types of kings: Some started well, but became prideful and ended to downfall. Some was disciplined by God and learned to be humble. Some was punished by God and got worse. So it is our decision to turn to God or not in the time of discipline. As God's children we have to take everything as His discipline. <p>Seeking God is our victory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fear of God is a good start to lead us to seek the Lord. When we seek Him and He comes to our heart, we will know Him more and love Him, which will lead us to do what please Him. Our seeking of the Lord is our victory. - We can speak boldly to people according to God's promise: you will be shown compassion if you return to Him. God will give you success if you seek the Lord. <p>It is always about our heart and God's grace</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is just but also God's grace to give Uzziah leprosy to deal with his pride, make him humble so that his soul can be saved. It is God's grace to accept people's worship although the dates were not according to the law. It is God's grace to listen to Hezekiah's pray and forgive the people who were unclean during Passover because their heart is to seek God. It is great encouragement for us who is building up God's church. Although we are not perfect and haven't done everything right, we will improve as we go. As long as our heart is set to seek Him and be committed, His grace is there to cover us, and we will change. |
| 24.5.2013 | 2 Chronicles 31-36 | <p>What does a good king/leader do?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A good king always brings people back to worship of God, lead people to get rid of the false worship, to rebuild God's temple, to devote to the word of God, to celebrate Passover (communion), to repent and seek God with all the heart. - Leaders are the ones who offer first to be the good examples, which will encourage people to also offer. Led faith is good, but it is the continuous personal faith that saves us in the end. - Satan's trick is always to make you fear, and take away your trust in God, in your leader, and push you to seek for security in somewhere else, as what king of Assyria threatened Judah. - We either follow and obey the leader, or become the leader and lead others. There are only these two roles in the church, either following or leading. <p>Repentance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -From Manasseh's example we can see God's grace is enough, so we can repent and turn back to him at any time no matter how bad we were before. -May we not be like Zedekiah, who does not submit to God's plan for Juhah. Negative situation, either our own or others, is not necessary for us to get rid of right away, for our purpose is to know God, and many times only in difficulties we can see God's power. So we should submit to God's discipline and seek Him with all our heart so that He will take it away afterwards. |
| 7.6.2013 | 2 Chronicles Summary 1-15 | <p>God will fulfill His promise with His hands</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As Solomon knows God's plan to build the temple and does everything accordingly, we also want to work with God to make his words come true, not against. - We should pray according to God's promise to us through Christ, for his Spirit, power, love, peace, joy and sonship. - As Solomon knows that God makes him king because of his love for his people, God lifts us up also for his people and his church. We have to be responsible for each other. <p>How to make decisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rehoboam listened to the advices of people who are similar to him and made a wrong decision. We should consult people who are different from us and more spiritually mature although what they say might not be nice to hear. |

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| 14.6.2013 | 2 Chronicles Summary 16- 25 | <p>Faith and Experience will align</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When we have faith, God will bring situations to test our faith. Although our eyes, emotion and the situation tells us otherwise, we still trust God and what he says, and take action by faith and by obedience, Spirit will come to comfort us and confirm that we are son of God. - We receive Spirit when we show faith, not when we are in doubt and fear. - When we concern about God's thing, he will also concern about us. It is God's way. <p>Learn the pattern of the kings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When we are fully committed to God, he brings situations to our life to test us. Once we overcome the test and build up our faith, the victory is already ours. - Difficult situations help us have the hunger to cry out to God. - What a good king does is to build God's temple, bring people back to the worship of God, destroy the idol worship, and teach people the word of God. <p>Pray and decision making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We should pray in any circumstances. Even when we seem to have received a positive answer that we want, we still need to be open to him, continue to pray and be ready to change, since the positive situation might not be God's will. - Be careful that when we make decisions we tend to avoid consulting Godly person since we are afraid what he advises is not what we want. - Will we trust God only, listen to the prophet and go out to face the enemy without any other protection, as what Jehoshaphat led people to do? |
| 21.6.2013 | 2 Chronicles Summary 26-36 | <p>How God works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Why did Hezekiah have confidence to say that there is a greater power with us than with the enemy while he already lost all the other cities of Judah? Because he knows how God works, waiting until the last minute to save us from trouble to test our faith and glorify Himself. Will we be like Job, praising God even He kills us? - When we face trouble in our life, do we just deal with the trouble by using our own method, or we see it as God's discipline and turn back to Him? - It is God's mercy to keep us humble. So praise Him in our weakness because it is also God's given. <p>Response to God's word -- what a good king does</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When Josiah found Book of Law, he torn his clothes, realized his sin, humbled himself, repented with tears, went to the prophets for inquiry of God, opened and repaired the temple, gathered people, organized priests and Levites to serve the temple, got rid of the idols, taught people the Book of Law, celebrated the Passover. <p>An example of testimony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Manasseh was defeated by the enemy, sought the favor of God in his distress, God answered his prayer and saved him from his trouble, He then knew that the Lord is God. We should have similar testimony, not about how many miracles we have seen, but about knowing God's work. - It is the faith brings miracle, not miracle brings faith. Unbelievers will reason away God's work, but we know that it is God who delivered us from our situation. Will we find faith when we have nothing left, as David did in Zikleg. |